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(c) the number of auctions taken by each person during these eight years and the cost therefor;

(d) the number of acres of paddy lands and other lands that were given on auction sales during these periods that are now under the possession of the Proverthicar of Kanniakumari pakuthi Mr. Subramonia Pillai; and

(e) the survey numbers of lands that were auctioned for arrears of tax and which are taken by the Proverthicar in his wife's name?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (a) to (c). The time and labour involved in collecting the information are out of proportion to its utility.

(d) & (e). The Proverthicar is reported to be not in possession of any of the lands sold for arrears of tax and that no land was bid either in his or his wife's name during the period mentioned.

Construction of a surplus Weir to Thevakulam in Agastisvaram.

121. ***MR. C. RAMASWAMY NADAR**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) Whether they have prepared any estimate for the construction of a surplus weir to Thevakulam in the Agastisvaram pakuthi and also for the improvements of the said tank;

(b) whether the Government have sanctioned the estimate or not;

(c) if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative, whether there is any reason for not providing that in the final budget for 1118;

(d) whether the Government find it to be an urgent necessity to the above tank;

(e) if so, whether they are prepared to finish the above work with the available funds of this year; and

(f) if the answer to part (b) is in the negative, whether there is any special reason for that?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Irrigation and Miscellaneous*): (a) Yes and it is being scrutinised.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise in view of answer to part (b).

(d) Yes, repairs are found necessary.

(e) Yes, if funds permit.

(f) The estimate has not as yet been sent up to Government.

Jurisdiction of the Mavelikara Munsiff's Court.

122. ***MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have decided to transfer some of the pakuthies in the Mavelikara taluk now under the jurisdiction of the Adoor Munsiff's Court to the jurisdiction of the Mavelikara Munsiff's Court; and

(b) if so, the pakuthies so decided to be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Munsiff's Court at Mavelikara?

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MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to question (*a*).

Purchase of Paddy.

123. ✻**MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation complaining against the high rates of paddy fixed by them according to acreage of lands which their owners or cultivators are required to sell to the Government; and

(*b*) if so, the action, if any, taken by the Government to redress the complaint?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes;

(*b*) Instructions have been issued to the Purchasing Officers to take into account the local conditions and the actual yield of the lands for the past two years or more and to revise, if necessary, the quota accordingly.

Sale of paddy purchased.

124 ✻**MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the local committee members are permitted to sell their paddy without the sanction of Government authorities;

(*b*) whether some members of the Valiakuzhi pakuthi local committee have sold their paddy in the month of Dhanu 1118; and

(*c*) if so, whether it was with the permission of the Government authorities?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*a*) No;

(*b*) Government have no information;

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (b) this does not arise.

Opening of a road in the Kanniakumari pakuthi.

125 ✻**MR. C. RAMASWAMY NADAR**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the budget provision No. 113 in the final budget for 1118 (II Communication X Roads Part II—New Works) for the opening of a road from R. C. bridge across the major channel to meet 5/3 Anjugramom road *via* Pottakulam and Azhagappapuram village in the Kanniakumari pakuthi has been sanctioned by Government; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken to open the road?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An estimate for the work has been sanctioned and Land Acquisition proceedings are in progress but the work could not be taken up owing to the prohibitive cost of work at the tendered rates.

Opening of a road passing through Osaravilai.

126✻ **MR. C. RAMASWAMY NADAR**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

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